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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components for fiscal year (FY) 2018 through December 2017.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Two of the four active Services met or exceeded its fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) 2018 accession goals through December 2017. Army was short by 497 and Marine Corps was short by 1.
 - Army – 11,203 accessions, with a goal of 11,700; 95.75 percent.
 - Navy – 8,245 accessions, with a goal of 8,169; 100.93 percent.
 - Marine Corps – 7,207 accessions, with a goal of 7,208; 99.99 percent.
 - Air Force – 6,781 accessions, with a goal of 6,781; 100.00 percent.
 - **Quality.** All Components met their quality goals.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention for the third month of FY18.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** Three of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded its FYTD 2018 accession goals through December 2017. Army National Guard, Army Reserve and Air National Guard were short of their goals by 2,234, 476, and 530 respectively.
 - Army National Guard – 8,937 accessions, with a goal of 11,171; 80.00 percent.
 - Army Reserve – 3,043 accessions, with a goal of 3,519; 86.47 percent.
 - Navy Reserve – 1,462 accessions, with a goal of 1,444; 101.2 percent.
 - Marine Corps Reserve – 1,962 accessions, with a goal of 1,870; 104.92 percent.
 - Air National Guard – 1,805 accessions, with a goal of 2,335; 77.3 percent.
 - Air Force Reserve – 1,666 accessions, with a goal of 1,666; 100.0 percent.
 - **Quality.** Five of the six Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Attrition** – Four of the six Reserve Components experienced higher attrition rates than projected for the second month of FY18; however, all remain on track for FY18 End Strength projections.

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.